Publications on the life of Dr. Ambedkar

1587. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to publish 36 volumes on the life of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of volumes on Dr. Ambedkar printed, so far, and the amount spent on such printing;

(c) the quantum of amount yet to be released by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation to the Government of Gujarat; and

(d) the time by which the remaining amount/grant is likely to be released by Government/Dr. Ambedkar Foundation?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (d) Dr. Ambedkar Foundation is taking action for translation of the collection of writings and speeches of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar from English to Hindi and 11 regional languages, namely, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malyalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and Urdu. Out of these, 142 volumes in different languages have been published and Rs. 4.37 crores have been spent so far.

(c) 17 volumes of translation into Gujarati language have been published and Rs. 43.52 lakhs has been released to Government of Gujarat for the purpose so far. Further amount will be released on getting details.

(d) Concerned State Governments/agencies are being pursued for completing the balance work of translation and publication as early as possible.